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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REQUEST: SCUTTling THE DOMINICAN
REPUBLIC'S PROPOSED HFCS TAX

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(C) DCM will deliver subject demarche to Vice President Eduardo Stein on September 22 (the Ambassador is on an official visit to the Guatemalan highlands). President Berger is in New York this week for the UNGA, but there may be an opportunity to raise the topic with him there. We also note that Foreign Minister Jorge Briz and Undersecretary Dobriansky are to meet on the margins of the UNGA, another possible opportunity to raise the HFCS tax issue.
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